

MINUTES OF MEETING
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION
JUNE 3, 2014

The meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:48 p.m., in the conference room, at the Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present

Thomas J. Rechen, Esq., **Chair**
G. Kenneth Bernhard, Esq.
Monsignor William A. Genuario
Aimee Golbert, LCSW
Attorney Ramona Mercado-Espinoza
Honorable Elpedio N. Vitale

Others Present

Susan O. Storey, Chief Public Defender
Brian S. Carlow, Deputy Chief Public Defender
Susan M. Cococcia, Supervisory Assistant Public Defender
Geographical Area 14 (Hartford) – **Via Conference Call**
Bevin O. Salmon, Supervisory Assistant Public Defender
Geographical Area 23 (New Haven)

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2014 special meeting. Commission members, G. Kenneth Bernhard, Aimee Golbert and Honorable Elpedio N. Vitale abstained from the vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:50 p.m. The reason

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for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-200(6)(A) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 6:24 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Michael R. Pedevillano to the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven). The effective date of the appointment is at the discretion of the Chief Public Defender at Step 2 of the Deputy Assistant Public Defender Salary Schedule.

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.
MICHAEL R. PEDEVILLANO

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 6:25 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-200(6)(A) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

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The Commission came out of Executive Session at 7:12 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, a vote was taken as to whether to reconvene to further interview candidates for the position of Chief of Legal Services, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hamden. There was a vote of 2 yes, 3 no. The motion failed.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Lauren Weisfeld to the position of Chief of Legal Services, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hamden. The effective date of the appointment is at the discretion of the Chief Public Defender.

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.
LAUREN WEISFELD

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-200(6)(A) and Section 1-210(b)(10) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

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The Commission came out of Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the educational leave request for Manager of Information Services, Jennie J. Albert, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford, at one half of what was requested.

APPROVAL OF
EDUCATIONAL LEAVE

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Laura E. Bryll to the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Geographical Area 14 (Hartford). The effective date of the appointment is at the discretion of the Chief Public Defender.

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.
LAURA E. BRYLL

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to ratify the appointment of Franca Parra-Polimeni to the position of Social Worker I, Geographical Area 21 (Norwich).

RATIFICATION OF
FRANCA PARRA-POLIMENI

The Chief Public Defender discussed the attorney reappointments.

The Chief Public Defender further discussed the permanent statuses.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 7:36 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-200(6)(A) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

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The Commission came out of Executive Session at 7:38 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to grant permanent status to Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Marcia Crampton, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport); Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Angelica Papastavros, Danbury Judicial District/Geographical Area 3; Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Paul A. Shae, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven); Assistant Public Defender, Paula J. Waite, Hartford Judicial District; and Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Tanisha Williams, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport), upon the successful completion of their probationary periods.

PERMANENT STATUS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to reappoint the following attorneys to a new four-year term: Assistant Public Defender, Judith L. Borman, Capital Defense and Trial Services Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford, expiring on 6/16/18; Assistant Public Defender, Julie M. Costello, Geographical Area 18 (Bantam), expiring on 6/18/18; Assistant Public Defender, Jennifer E. Walters, Geographical Area 14 (Hartford), expiring on 6/18/18; Assistant Public Defender, Ernest Green, Jr., Windham Judicial District/Geographical Area 11, expiring on 6/23/18; Assistant Public Defender, Lisa S. Howey, New Haven Juvenile Matters, expiring on 6/23/18; Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, Theresa M. Dalton, Geographical Area 4

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(Waterbury), expiring on 6/29/18; Public Defender, David F. Egan, Milford Judicial District/Geographical Area 22, expiring on 6/29/18; Senior Assistant Public Defender, Annacarina Jacob, Legal Services Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hamden, expiring on 6/29/18; and Senior Assistant Public Defender, Lauren Weisfeld, Legal Services Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hamden, expiring on 6/29/18.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 7:39 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-210(b)(10) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

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The Commission came out of Executive Session at 7:42 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the Authorizations to Incur Expenses as submitted to the Commission.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian S. Carlow
Deputy Chief Public Defender